

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BIO DIESEL AS FUEL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has conducted any study about the new experiments of bio-diesel as the future fuel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has any plan to promote Tree Borne Oil (TBO) seeds plantation, which is being used for the bio-diesel generation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central Government is experimenting with various mixes of bio-diesel, produced from oilseeds including *Jatropha curcus*, with Diesel in various types of vehicles. The Government is in continuous discussions with the automobile industry for sharing of results of these experiments.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Agriculture through the National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oil Development (NOVOD) Board is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Tree Borne Oilseds, including *Jatropha curcus* and *Karanja*. The oil of *Jatropha curcus* and *Karanja* is found suitable for bio-diesel production. Under the Scheme, assistance is provided for nursery raising, commercial plantation, establishment of seed procurement and oil expelling centers, installation of pre-processing and processing equipment, development of elite planting material and plantation, transfer of technology etc. for development of tree borne oilseeds in the country.